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**SAN ANTONIO MAN RECEIVES FEDERAL PRISON SENTENCE
IN PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS CASE**

Johnny Sutton, United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, announced today that 29-year-old Jesse Hernandez Rosas was sentenced to 92 months in federal prison for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

On November 21, 2002, detectives from the San Antonio Police Department executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence. During the search, authorities seized a sawed-off .22 caliber rifle. On November 12, 2003, Rosas pled guilty to the federal charge.

This case was investigated by the San Antonio Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This case was prosecuted for the government by Special Assistant United States Attorney Gerald H. Matheny.

The prosecution of this case is another example of how the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas is implementing the Department of Justice's gun crime initiative - Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide federal initiative designed to reduce gun violence in our communities. PSN promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement to target criminals in possession of guns. Federal law insures that when an armed criminal is arrested, that individual will face swift criminal prosecution and be exiled from the community through the use of stiff mandatory prison sentences.

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